



Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO BULLETIN

TAKE THIS HOME

Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

7 - 8 MARCH 2020

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord:
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day
he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.*
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

RESPONSE AT MORNING MASS ONLY:

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves and he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.



MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday: 9:15am.
Saturday: 9:15am, 9:45 - 10:15am
 Reconciliation & 5:00pm Vigil.
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm.
Baptism: Last two Sundays of each month at 11:30am.
Anointing of the Sick: Last Saturday of each month.
Family Mass: Fourth Saturday of each month (during school term).

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Director of Jnr School:
 Ms Gabrielle Smith

EXPLORING THE WORD

In the later part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples that he must journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die and to rise again. He begins his journey towards his fate, but that journey is interrupted by this wondrous moment where he is revealed as the glorious Messiah, the beloved Son of God. In the language of this text, there are echoes of the Jewish expectation of the Messiah coming in glory at the end of time. Through the appearance of Moses and Elijah in this scene, Matthew links Jesus intimately with Jewish expectation. The law, represented by Moses, established a covenant with the chosen people, and it was the role of the prophets, represented by Elijah, to constantly remind the people of their covenant obligations. Both the law and the prophets looked forward to God's final intervention in human history, and here, Jesus is presented as that intervention. The disciples want to capture this moment and freeze it in time by building shrines, but Jesus is adamant that the journey must continue to its final outcome, which will confirm God's action in human history. It is not until Christ has been raised that the truth of this vision will be known.

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A NOTE FROM FR BERNIE

Suggestions for hygiene in relation to the COVID-19 virus.

With a relatively small number of confirmed cases of coronavirus or COVID-19 in Australia, the risk to the general public remains low. However, following advice from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference I wish to suggest the following precautions:

- Individuals should consider their own health, including any potential to infect others with a contagious disease, before attending Mass or other church celebrations.
- Alcohol-based gels will be available near entrance of the church, for those who wish to use them.
- When exchanging the Sign of Peace, individuals should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.
- All Ministers of Holy Communion should take particular care to wash their hands before and after distributing.
- We will continue to offer the Chalice (until informed otherwise by the Archdiocese) but I do suggest caution if you feel unwell or are prone to colds and other health issues
- The coronavirus is easily spread through saliva. it is therefore recommended that the Body of Christ only be administered in the hand because of the high risk of transmission if people continue to receive on the tongue. Whilst I respect the choice of people how to receive the Body of Christ, putting my fingers very close to someone's mouth is not the healthiest of options.
- The faithful who are too unwell to attend Sunday Mass – whether due to coronavirus or some other condition – or are at particular risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus can honour their Sunday obligation by participating in a time of prayer within the home, reading the Scriptures or watching Mass on television or online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>)
- Please be assured that, should you contract COVID-19 and become seriously ill, I will continue to ensure you receive the sacraments and other appropriate pastoral care.

Let us continue to pray that this virus will cease from spreading and that those who are unwell will return to full health.

Blessings and peace,
 Fr Bernie

KIDS CORNER

Find all the words below in CAPITALS in the puzzle to the right. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks below.

JESUS took Peter, JAMES, and JOHN his brother, and led them up a high MOUNTAIN by THEMSELVES. And he was TRANSFIGURED before them; his FACE SHONE like the SUN and his CLOTHES became WHITE as LIGHT. And behold, Moses and ELIJAH appeared to them, conversing with him. Then PETER said to Jesus in reply, "LORD, it is GOOD that we are here. If you wish, I will make THREE tents here, one for you, one for MOSES and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright CLOUD cast a SHADOW OVER them, then from the cloud came a VOICE that said, "This is my beloved SON, with whom I am well PLEASED; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they FELL prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "RISE, and do not be AFRAID." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus ALONE.

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After all this happened, Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone

UPCOMING DATES

- 9 Mar** Christian Meditation Group
5:30pm in Parish Hall
- 11 Mar** Fraternity Council Meeting
10:00am in Parish Hall
- 16 Mar** Climate Change Conversation
4:00pm in Parish Hall
Christian Meditation Group
5:30pm in Parish Hall
- 18 Mar** Taizé Prayer Night 7:30pm
- 22 Mar** Baptisms 11:30am
- 23 Mar** Christian Meditation Group
5:30pm in Parish Hall
- 25 Mar** Franciscan Seculars Holy Spirit
Fraternity Gathering at 7:00pm
at Star of the Sea Friary



LET US PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick: Abp Anthony Fisher OP, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Lisa Roper, John Hyland & Cathy Murray

Those recently deceased: Margaret Roberts, Mira Slavic & Clare Webster (nee Morrison)

Those recently baptised: Archibald Oscar Kay

Those with anniversaries at this time: Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca, Maureen McLean, Allan Smith, Charlie Cauchi (1/3), Anthony Chin (3/3), Rose Chen (7/3), Christine Harrison (28/2), John Harrison (2/2), Lisa Rivera (3/3) & Alice Aston (3/3)

NEWS & NOTICES

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ This event is known as 'the transfiguration'.
- ◆ Moses was a great figure who represented the law for Israel. Elijah represented the prophets. Readings from the law and the prophets made up the Scriptures of Israel. Here Matthew shows Jesus in conversation with them; thus Jesus is in harmony with everything revealed in Judaism.
- ◆ The voice from heaven here echoes the words that were used at the baptism of Jesus.
- ◆ Traditionally, this scene of the transfiguration is associated with Mount Tabor, which rises out of the Plain of Esdraelon.

WEEKDAY READINGS

- Mon 9 Mar** Daniel 9:4-10
Luke 6:36-38
- Tue 10 Mar** Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Matthew 23:1-12
- Wed 11 Mar** Jeremiah 18:18-20
Matthew 20:17-28
- Thu 12 Mar** Jeremiah 17:5-10
Luke 16:19-31
- Fri 13 Mar** Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
- Sat 14 Mar** Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sun 15 Mar** Exodus 17:3-7
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

EARLY MORNING MASS DURING LENT

As a special way of celebrating Lent this year, Fr Bernie will be offering an extra Mass on Friday mornings at 7am. All are welcome to come celebrate. The Church will be open from 6.30am on Fridays for those who wish to spend some time in prayer before Mass.

TAIZÉ PRAYER - 18 MARCH 7:30PM

Held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. The services use sung repetitive chants in an environment of peace, and traditionally have included praying around a prayer focus with many candles. One of the most important aspects of the prayer is silent prayer. We invite you to come along on **Wed 18 March at 7.30pm for an hour of Taizé prayer in our church.** We assure you this time of reflection, will nurture and strengthen your prayer life and relationship with God.

JOIN A CONVERSATION

"Living the Change" - This program was initiated by ARCC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change) for faith based groups to collectively work towards a more sustainable future. We meet at the Parish House on the 3rd Monday of each month 4pm - 5.15 pm beginning Mar 16 and would welcome any newcomers. Info: janetos239@gmail.com

SAFEGUARDING

We understand how difficult it can be for people who have experienced abuse to make a complaint. We want to support you in this process and we can provide access to counselling and support services if needed. www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/ for more info. Following the Safeguarding Protocols set by the Archdiocese, there are to be no photographs (particularly of people) during Masses without the permission of the Parish Priest.



FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Join St Charles Borromeo Parish on a journey live on location in the Holy Land of Israel. From Sunday 6 September for 14 days, enjoy a genuine pilgrim experience with Harvest Journeys accompanied by Fr Bernie Thomas, OFM. Information brochures are found at the back of the church near glass dividers.



Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

HEALING RETREAT

Rev Fr Tony Alex (MGL) Healing Retreat
Date: 14 March 2020 (Sat) from 9am - 4 pm
Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Parker Street, Rockdale, NSW
BYO LUNCH.
Morning and Afternoon Tea PROVIDED.
Inquiries: Ida - 0424 267 500 or Helen - 0488 037 631. E: jlowcommunity@gmail.com
Website: www.jlowcom.org

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Meditation Group meets in the Parish Centre each Monday at 5.30pm. Ph Trisha - 0405 516 972 or Maureen - 0425 225 095

NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

Welcome To Waverley Parish! Have you completed a Parish Census form? The Parish Census is a vital tool used by the Parish Office to meet the pastoral, spiritual and official needs of parishioners. It is important that we have an up to date parish roll. New catholic families that have recently moved into the Mary Immaculate Parish zone and those families living here, but not yet registered are kindly asked to complete a Parish Census Form as soon as possible.

Have you completed a Planned Giving Programme Registration form? Interested in being a Volunteer? These forms are also available at the Church entrance near the glass dividers. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Would you like to volunteer in our Parish? We are still in need of more volunteers to help in our Parish Ministries. If you still have forms at home or wish to get a new form please see Fr Bernie or the Parish Secretary. Our Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am Mass times require the most need at the moment. There will be training for each of our ministries, so if you are concerned that you may not be capable, please chat with Fr Bernie to find out what might be involved.



ADVERTISE WITH US

Our Parish would like to encourage and support local Catholic businesses. Do you or somebody you know have a small Catholic business that would benefit from advertising in our weekly Church bulletin? Our weekly bulletin is viewed by the number of people outside the Parish via the internet and from the 200 copies printed each week!

For a small monthly donation of \$50 your business card sized ad would appear 4/5 times a month in our Church bulletin. This donation supports the printing costs of our bulletin. Please contact Carla in the office (02) 9369 9399 for more details.



MINISTRY ROSTER - MARCH

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve. Fr Bernie parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au

| 7 - 8 MAR | SAT 5PM VIGIL | SUN 8.30AM | SUN 10.00AM | SUN 5.00PM |
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| ALTAR SERVING | Barry Blake | Anthony Spratt | Celina Seeto | - |
| PROCLAIMER OF WORD | Margaret Blake | Anne Fahy Trisha Brookes | Eddie Seeto Des Durkin | Peter Foley |
| EUCHARIST MINISTER | Laura Neeson | Kevin Brookes Francine Darvill | Susana Hansen Jackie Durkin | Mary Westall |
| HOSPITALITY | Laura Neeson Teresa Vigroux | Phyllis Spratt | Jackie Durkin | Leanne Langlands |
| 14 - 15 MAR | SAT 5PM VIGIL | SUN 8.30AM | SUN 10.00AM | SUN 5.00PM |
| ALTAR SERVING | Barry Blake | Anthony Spratt | Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese | - |
| PROCLAIMER OF WORD | Margaret Blake | Gabrielle McAnespie Marta Ramirez | Bianca Abruzzese Annabelle Abruzzese | Baricevic Family |
| EUCHARIST MINISTER | Vincent Conroy | Genevieve Roberts Daniel Murray | Dominic Abruzzese Tony Abruzzese | Kathy Reilly Joy Pertile |
| HOSPITALITY | Warren Kelly | Phyllis Spratt | Leanne Langlands | Kathy Reilly |
| 21 - 22 MAR | SAT 5PM VIGIL | SUN 8.30AM | SUN 10.00AM | SUN 5.00PM |
| ALTAR SERVING | Barry Blake | - | Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese | - |
| PROCLAIMER OF WORD | Margaret Blake | Mario Vinciguerra Trisha Brookes | Annabelle Abruzzese Bianca Abruzzese | Daniel Wairau Joy Pertile |
| EUCHARIST MINISTER | Shirley Lyons | Kevin Brookes Francine Darvill | Tony Abruzzese Alison Abruzzese | Miriam Wairau Mary Westall |
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